

Basketball Shifts to Beverly Hills

Basketball Happenings

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Will Boerger, basketball coach at Torrance High, announced before the North game Thursday night that the only way to stay in a game with the Saxons is to "hold the ball." This tactic is usually referred to as the "freeze."

Rather than use the strategy, however, Boerger made it known his team would play a conventional game against the potent Saxons. The purpose was two-fold. One was to give his Tartars a thorough test against one of the best teams in the Southland. Secondly, Boerger is hopeful he can get his squad in a winning frame of mind for Sky League season. He would like very much to win a fourth straight league championship.



WILL BOERGER

Boerger will make use of four tournaments to screen his 14-man squad for the best starting combination. So far, returning first stringer Steve Jasper, Bruce Baker, Mark Goetsch, Jack Hase and Bob Floyd make up the first unit. At least five others could move up, including Bob Waddell and Bill Souza.

Baker and Souza are juniors. Another junior who figured to be in the starting lineup is Bob Fernley, but an undetermined illness has forced Bob to sit out the season. He is also a top football and baseball player.

Torrance has a string of three excellent basketball teams, but after losing Bart Johnson, Rich Kreul and Robin Fisher, stock in basketball appeared headed for a down turn.

But after six games, Torrance is playing the kind of basketball that will annoy a lot of opposition again this season. There is no question but that the Tartars are a threat to repeat for the Sky League crown.

Morningside High, which was so strong a year ago, has fallen off considerably. The Monarchs will look good against weaker teams and will suffer noticeably against strong clubs.

Beverly Hills also lost ground, compared with a year ago. The Normans have their four-year letterman Alex Gamble and another tiny deadeye, sophomore John Tough, but the team is easier to defend against than last year's.

Leuzinger, Culver City and Rolling Hills have the same typical kind of teams they had for years. Leuzinger has a good chance, though, to finish near the top of the Sky League.

Mira Costa is going to give Redondo a battle for second place in the Bay League. The pride and joy of the Mustangs is sophomore Scott Fisher. His dad, Carl Fisher, is principal at Mira Costa. Another brother, Bill Fisher, is a guard.

After Scott pumped a 25-foot swisher to beat South the other night, 69-68, Carl was the "living end!" His tie was loose and the top button on his shirt was untied.

But rather than admit he was a nervous wreck from the excitement of the game, the young principal said he gets worked up every time Mira Costa takes part in an athletic event. He enjoys sports. Fisher once directed the Hermosa Beach recreation department while serving as a school administrator in Hermosa Beach.

He went to Mira Costa to become the coach of the Class B football team. He won the Pioneer League that first year, then progressed through the chain of command to become principal. He's a dandy!

The Mira Costa gym, incidentally, is awful during a fullhouse basketball game. Aviation High is a little better. But the lessons can be put to good use when it comes to building the new Redondo gym. It should be designed at least as comfortable as the old one!

Among the Torrance schools, the West High and South High basketball arenas are outstanding. Torrance's gym is too dark. Some over-all improvement was made at North High last year, but a kid can still break his neck running into the "end wall."

If the high school basketball teams were ranked today, a rough draft would go something like this: (1) North, (2) Redondo, (3) Mira Costa, (4) Torrance, (5) South, (6) Bishop Montgomery, (7) Palos Verdes, (8) Leuzinger, (9) Morningside, (10) Aviation, (11) Beverly Hills, (12) Santa Monica, (13) Rolling Hills, (14) Fermin Lasuen, (15) West, (16) Culver City, (17) Hawthorne, (18) Serra, (19) Lawndale, (20) El Segundo, (21) Lennox, (22) Inglewood.

Anaheim, Santa Ana Win CIF Semi-Final Games

Anaheim High ran around Bob 'Big Man' Pointer as the Colonists ripped previously unbeaten Santa Barbara, 42-7, in the semi-final round of the CIF "AAAA" football playoffs.

Santa Ana edged Servite, 28-21, and will meet Anaheim next week for the championship. Santa Ana holds a 28-0 pre-season win over Anaheim, but since then sophomore quarterback George Fraser

has emerged as the team leader.

Fraser directed his team to a 28-7 halftime lead against Santa Barbara.

The losing Dons were heralded by 447-pound defensive tackle Bob Pointer, but Anaheim ran away from him to win the game.

In the Triple-A playoffs Temple City eliminated Morningside, 34-21, as Everett

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Mustangs Edge South by 69-68

After scoring a 69-65 victory over Morningside in the first round of the Pacific Shores Basketball Tournament, South High was edged by Mira Costa, 69-68, in Round 2.

The defeat came in the final 15 seconds when Sophomore Scott Fisher of the Mustangs plucked a 25-footer through the goal from the left corner of the court. Going into the final minute of the game Jim Owens of South made two free throws to put South ahead, 68-67.

After both teams took back-to-back timeouts with nine seconds to go, the play was set up for Owens. He rimmed the basket on a 15-foot short behind the key and Mira Costa got the rebound for the victory.

South was down 67-62 with two and a half minutes to go. Owens scored 23 points against Mira Costa. He had 29 the night before against Morningside. South beat the Monarchs by a 69-65 score. Both games were at Mira Costa.

South (69) Morningside (65)
Owens (23) F Boyes (12)
Brooks (10) C Ingram (8)
Rector (2) C Dannaker (2)
Barron (15) G Penney (16)
Peterson (8) G Templeman (4)
South scoring subs: Kier (1), Miller (4).

Morningside scoring subs: Carl (1), Morningside (15), West (7), Miller (4).

South (68) Mira Costa (69)
Owens (23) F Lawlor (18)
Brooks (10) F Oberg (12)
Rector (2) C B. Fisher (19)
Barron (15) G Sain (14)
South scoring subs: Barron (15), Peterson (8), Miller (4).

Mira Costa scoring subs: Lawlor (11), West (7), Miller (4), Barron (15), Peterson (8).

West (78) Leuzinger (84)
Dunbar (18) F Fischer (4)
Tetric (24) C Sandwick (14)
Uran (6) C K'Jeszak (4)
Yokoyama (8) G Moberly (12)
Lolley (11) G Blair (2)
Leuzinger scoring subs: Meddross (8), Kent (1), Yancy (4), Bold (2), Riddle (2).

West scoring subs: Smalley (9), Parton (9), Rothwell (15), Wood (1).

El Camino Mauled by UCLA Frosh

Curtis Rowe scored 51 points to lead the unbeaten UCLA Frosh to a 92-77 victory over El Camino College in a preliminary game at Pauley Pavilion Friday night.

In the main event UCLA Varsity beat Wichita State, 120-86.

Rowe broke Lew Alcindor's freshman scoring record of 48 set two years ago. Curtis hit on 22 shots from the floor and 7-for-12 from the free throw line. In addition he also grabbed 30 rebounds.

El Camino (77) UCLA Frosh (92)
Daniels (18) F Chapman (4)
Turner (20) F Batchley (13)
Cheltenham (8) C Rowe (51)
Bentley (17) G Freeman (10)
Fernandez (18) G Katz (6)
El Camino scoring subs: El Camino (4), Bartram (2), Hobb (3), Kroopf (1).

The entry fee is \$6 Junior L. A. Open Chairman John Kelly said the entry fee not only includes a day of medal play, but lunch and refreshments, and a Junior pre-season ticket to the 42nd L. A. Open at Brookside Park Golf Course Jan. 25-28.

This would be an ideal Christmas gift for the young golfers in any family," said Kelly, "and entry blanks may be secured by calling the Junior Chamber at 482-1311 or by contacting your local golf course."

Auto Builder Al Dean Dies

Al Dean, owner of the Dean Van Lines auto racing complex, died of cancer in Long Beach Friday.

Dean entered cars in the Indianapolis 500 during the past 15 years.

Requiem Mass will be celebrated Wednesday at St. Charles Catholic Church in North Hollywood at 9 a.m.

Marshall walked the sidelines with a leg injury.

LaSerna upset Excelsior, 13-7, and will meet first ranked Temple City for the title.

AAAA-DIVISION
Anaheim 42, Santa Barbara 7.
Santa Ana 28, Servite 21.
AAA-DIVISION
Temple City 34, Morningside 21.
LaSerna 13, Excelsior 7.
AA-DIVISION
Royal Oak 12, Alta Loma 9.
A-DIVISION
Resumont 7, St. Genevieve 9.

Tourney Boxes

North (75) Mira Costa (58)
Jones (7) F Lawlor (11)
Nielsen (19) F S. Fisher (6)
Taylor (21) C B. Fisher (8)
Anderson (14) G Sain (11)
Hansen (13) G Oberg (3)
North scoring subs: Taylor (21), Nielsen (19), Anderson (14), Hansen (13).

North (79) Loyola (50)
Taylor (12) F Doherty (11)
Jones (4) F Scherhart (15)
Nielsen (15) C O'Mara (6)
Anderson (8) G Samaniego (2)
Hansen (9) G Hayes (2)
North scoring subs: Taylor (12), Jones (4), Nielsen (15), Anderson (8), Hansen (9).

North scoring subs: Thomas (4), West (7), Wisniewski (6), Frasquillo (4), Smith (2), Haldrock (2), Cronin (2).

Loyola scoring subs: Welland (2), Hayes (2), Ragsdale (9).

North (82) Torrance (52)
Jones (4) F Jasper (4)
Taylor (19) F Baker (4)
Nielsen (15) C Goetsch (10)
Anderson (8) G Goetsch (10)
Hansen (9) G Hase (10)
North scoring subs: Wisniewski (5), Thomas (4), Cronin (2), West (7), Frasquillo (6), Keldrick (2).

Torrance scoring subs: Souza (4), Fox (2), Smoot (2).

Torrance (67) Santa Monica (62)
Jasper (21) F Chamalee (9)
Baker (4) F Hutton (2)
Goetsch (5) C Laycock (2)
Floyd (10) G Wright (27)
Hase (11) G Brown (8)
Torrance scoring subs: Waddell (2), Fox (2), Souza (4).

Torrance (69) South (55)
Jasper (22) F Barron (6)
Baker (15) F Brooks (4)
Goetsch (2) C Owens (9)
Floyd (10) G Peterson (8)
Hase (9) G Rector (10)
Torrance scoring subs: Souza (2), Waddell (4), G. Jasper (2), Smoot (4), Mistofsky (4).

South scoring subs: Wang (12), Miller (2), Mistofsky (4).

Montgomery (75) Aviation (67)
Jamison (19) F Westphal (37)
Wiggins (32) F Smith (2)
Patterson (14) C Barr (3)
Collins (11) G Bunch (2)
Roach (7) G Meyer (12)
Montgomery scoring subs: Raybos (5), Montague (2), Coker (2).

Beverly Hills (62) Montgomery (65)
Gamble (16) F Jamison (9)
Newman (12) F Wiggins (22)
Caesar (12) C Patterson (14)
Tough (12) G Collins (10)
Carmen (5) G Roach (10)
Beverly Hills scoring subs: Jamison (9), Newman (12), Caesar (12), Tough (12), Carmen (5).

Redondo (68) Montgomery (38)
Chaffins (15) F Wiggins (11)
Gerhardt (10) F Patterson (8)
Box (12) C Roach (2)
Odel (12) C Jamison (7)
Springer (2) G Collins (3)
Redondo scoring subs: Glen (7), Fowler (10), Shaw (4), Hansen (2), Schumaker (4).

Redondo scoring subs: Bopp (2), White (2).

Tournament Results

FIRST ROUND
South 69, Morningside 65.
Torrance 67, Santa Monica 62.
North 75, Loyola 50.
Montgomery 75, Aviation 67.
Mira Costa 68, El Segundo 58.
North 79, Loyola 50.
Beverly Hills 55, Culver City 50.
Redondo 73, West 58.

SECOND ROUND
Championship Bracket
Montgomery 65, Beverly Hills 62.
Redondo 57, Serra 48.
Mira Costa 68, South 58.
North 82, Torrance 52.
(Consolation Bracket)
Morningside 55, El Segundo 55.
Loyola 56, Santa Monica 44.
Aviation 71, Culver City 62.
Leuzinger 84, West 72.

THIRD ROUND
Championship Bracket
Redondo 68, Montgomery 38.
North 76, Mira Costa 58.
Fifth Place
Beverly Hills 75, Serra 69.
Torrance 68, South 55.
Consolation
Morningside 69, Loyola 64.
Aviation 76, Leuzinger 65.

North Impresses In First Outings

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Going into the championship game of the Pacific Shores Basketball Tournament last night, North High loomed as an invincible powerhouse in prepdom this season.

The Saxons won their first three tournament games in a breeze. The team also owns a non-league win over quick Centennial of Compton.

Coach Skip Enger's varsity will renew its tournament conquest Wednesday by battling El Segundo in the first round of the ancient Beverly Hills Tournament.

Nine of the 16 participants in the Beverly Hills tournament also took part in the Pacific Shores event at Redondo, Mira Costa and Aviation.

The championship game last night was between North and a pesky Redondo team that stands the best chance of jamming the Saxons this season.

Surprising Bishop Montgomery and Mira Costa fought for third place last night while Torrance and Beverly Hills tangled for fifth spot. The consolation title was between Aviation and Morningside.

North smashed Loyola, 79-50; Torrance, 82-52; and Mira Costa, 76-58, in the first three rounds.

Redondo topped West, 73-58; Serra, 57-48; and Montgomery, 69-38.

When the scores of basketball games are not too close, the plot loses appeal. This is true of North.

Many of the basketball fans who watched the Saxons play their series of tournament games this week were not overwhelmed by them. They did not play a refined type of game, but merely bullied their way past Loyola and Torrance.

It was not until the Mira Costa game, for example, when guard Dan Hansen began potting field goals from the field, did the team's execution look "lovely."

Hansen, just getting his rhythm down pat after coming off the football field, had six goals among his 18 points.

North, of course, scores a lot of so-called "garbage" with Jim Nielson (6-7) and Bill Taylor (6-9) "hogging" the offensive bucket.

Nielson got 18, 25 and 19 in three games to go with Taylor's 12, 19 and 21 points.

Dan Anderson, on the other hand, has been averaging 9 points a game, but he shows a lot of class. Bob Jones also bolsters the North squad.

In round two, North held Torrance's Steve Jasper to four points. Steve got 31 against Santa Monica and 22 against South to gain two victories.

Torrance will play Redondo in the first round of the Beverly Hills Tournament



JIM NIELSON

Hawthorne Ready for Basketball

Hawthorne High School and the Hawthorne Breakfast Optimist Club will sponsor the seventh annual Hawthorne Invitational Basketball Tournament, beginning next Tuesday through Saturday, in the boys and girls gyms at Hawthorne High.

Sixteen teams will participate in the yearly tournament, according to Hawthorne coach Noel Smith who will be managing his first tournament with the aid of Coach Bill White.

Play will begin on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. with games between Long Beach Jordan and Santa Clara of Oxnard, and Leuzinger vs. Dominguez.

At 8 p.m., Fermin Lasuen will play South Torrance and El Segundo will play host school Hawthorne.

On the second day of tournament play, on Wednesday, Burroughs of Burbank will face Aviation, West Torrance will play Long Beach Poly, Rolling Hills will play Lawndale and Downey will play Mayfair of Lakewood.

Wednesday at 3 p.m.

Redondo is using a 10-man squad to penetrate the opposition. The Seahawks are a balanced team without having an abundance of size.

After Bishop Montgomery upset both Beverly Hills and Aviation High in the tournament, the Knights played a tight chokeup game against Redondo and were blistered from the second quarter on.

Larry Wiggins of Bishop went on a 32-point scoring spree against Aviation, dropped to 22 against Beverly Hills, and had 11 against Redondo.



BILL TAYLOR

Luncheon Will Honor Footballers

The South Bay's top football players from the high school and junior college ranks will be honored by the South Bay Athletic Club on Friday.

The event is the annual all-star football luncheon sponsored by the club. The luncheon begins at 12:15 in the Plush Horse Restaurant, Redondo Beach.

Trophies will be presented to the outstanding players. A trophy will be given to the outstanding player in the area as well as to the high school coach of the year.

Winners will not be announced until the luncheon, according to Vince McCullough, president of the group. The outstanding players and winners of the individual trophies will be selected by a board of SBAC judges.

McCullough will present trophies to the players judged most valuable at El Camino College and Harbor College, the two junior colleges in the South Bay.



CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS... From West High won the Pioneer League and CIF "AA" championship this season. Displaying their trophies are Coach Bob Hottel (center) and seven members of the team.

They are (left to right) Rick Tussing, Bob Cooper, Dave Young, Karl Rodefer, Tom Reed, Steve Smith and Ron Johnson.

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